

Anne Arundel - 767  
Hope's U.M. Chapel  
Muddy Creek Road  
Edgewater, MD 21037

1856, 1870, 1948

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hope's Chapel United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Muddy Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

Edgewater

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland 21037

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, Hope's Chapel U.M. Church

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Muddy Creek Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Edgewater

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
21037**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel

Liber #: GW 1

Folio #: 113

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Church Circle and South Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AA-767

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE 1856

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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I have included pictures of the new structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Hope's Chapel (United Methodist) is of particular interest because it was given to blacks for the purpose of religious congregation during the era of slavery. Truman Platt, founder of Orchard Street Church in Baltimore, says in his brief biography that he "was born at Hope's Chapel near Hild's Light in southern Anne Arundel County." At the time Platt was born, Hope's Chapel was a white Methodist chapel attended by the Collisons and other Anne Arundel County pioneer Methodist families such as the Smiths and Hazards.

Hope's Chapel later became a slave and free black chapel and has a long history in black Methodism. This site has been used as a worshipping place for blacks for 125 years. Hope's Chapel has a large congregation.

In the early part of the present century this congregation gave land for the building of a public school that was located 2.8 miles north of the church at Collison's corner. This structure is still in existence but is used as a private residence.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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GRAVE STONES AT HOPE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Recorded 9/4/85 by Susan Wetherill

Hope M. M. Church, built 1960, is the third church-building on this site. The first, identified as "Colored Hope Chapel" on the 1878 Hopkins Map, was moved here in 1872 from (White) Hope Chapel, east of Collison's Corner. It was moved onto a piece of land given to the blacks by Edward Collinson of "Colliersby-Brewer's Chance Farm (AA-230). (In 1870 he purchased the 2-acre lot "behind School House #6" for \$200. Liber SH4/ Folio 535. Sch.Hse.# 6 can be seen on the 1860 Martenet Map.) The congregation of (White) Hope Chapel had recently built a new church. Their old church, which was a 1-room, 1-story, gable-front frame building, was placed at the Muddy Creek Rd. site with its gable-front entrance facing north. Sometime later, this building was replaced by a larger frame building, this time with its gable-front entrance facing south. The second church burned, and the present building was constructed of brick, side-gabled, with a cross-gabled entry vestibule facing east. (The descriptions of former church buildings come from William Henson, born 1909, who lives next door to the north of Hope M. M. Church.)

There is one very old tombstone, enclosed by an old turned-wire fence, in the woods west of the church parking lot:

"RACHEL BROWN 12/25/1811 to 10/17/1893"

The other tombstones are all in an area to the South of the Church, where there are also many unmarked grave hummocks. Listed below are some of the older ones:

JOHN W. BOSTON 1875 - 1960

MARGARET A. NAYLOR 1867 - 1974

(FRANK NAYLOR 1875 - 1951

MARGARET NAYLOR 1924 - 1952

(BENJAMIN BROWN 1894 - 1960

MARY E. BROWN 1889 - 1980

WILLIAM HENRY BROWN 1916 - 1978

THOMAS PARKER SR. 1898 - 1973

THOMAS W. MOULDEN 1896 - 1982

WILLIAM FOOTE 1893 - 1975

RUDOLPH WHIDDINGTON 1898 - 1973

CHARLES E. HARRIS SR. 1888 - 1982





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